

# AMERICAN CITIZENS SERVICES NEWSLETTER

The U.S. Embassy is transmitting the following monthly newsletter via its warden system as a public service to U.S. citizens in Mongolia. Please feel free to disseminate this message to U.S. citizens in your organizations or to other Americans you know.

**The Consular Section would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



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## Implementation of SMS System for Future Announcements

The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy Ulaanbaatar has set up a new bulk SMS communication system for all American Citizens residing in Mongolia. This system will be used to send out **ONLY time-sensitive messages via text message to your cell phone**. We will not use this service for each and every warden message. Instead, the SMS program will allow us to quickly reach you in the event of an emergency, or when other modes of communication are down.

Please be aware that an independent telecom company will be providing the service, not the U.S. Embassy itself. This service is completely free of charge for you.

**If you have not already replied to this message**, and are interested in getting our text-messages in addition to the emails we send, please send us a short email with your valid cell phone numbers to be included in our SMS program to [UlaanbaatarACS@state.gov](mailto:UlaanbaatarACS@state.gov).

We will appreciate it greatly if you inform us of any changes in your cell phone numbers at [UlaanbaatarACS@state.gov](mailto:UlaanbaatarACS@state.gov). This might be a good chance to send us any other updates on your contact information (new emails, mailing addresses).

If you no longer reside in Mongolia, and would like to remove your email from the distribution list, let us know as well.

**"If one wants to listen to the sky, he needs to learn the language of silence."**

**Mongolian proverb**



## Consular Visit to Verbist

In early November Consular Section paid a regular visit to Verbist Childcare Center. This visit was very much expected by Verbist kids since it was the first one after their long summer break at the summer camp.

As usually we brought with us a lot of educational material, books and toys. While some younger kids enjoyed playing with lego and small cars, the others made puzzles and beautiful creations from play dough. Some entrepreneurial girls immediately set up a hairdresser salon where a plastic microphone served as a blow dryer! Boy, were the clients of this salon excited about their beauty treatment!

Please check out the Chinggis Khan portrait embroidered by one the skilful girls at the orphanage.

We are definitely looking forward to our next trip to Verbist! And if you have any children's clothes that your kids no longer fit into or extra toys, books or stationery, we encourage you to consider donating them to Verbist or any other local charity to make those, who are less fortunate, little happier.



## SMART TRAVELER ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (STEP)

**Stay Informed.** Sign up for our free [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (formerly known as “Travel Registration” or “Registration with Embassies”) to receive the latest travel updates and information! You only need to sign up once, and then you can add and delete trips from your account based on your current travel plans!

**Stay Connected.** By connecting with us on the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#), we will be able to assist you better in the case of an emergency, such as if you lose your passport or it is stolen while you are abroad. We also assist U.S. citizens in other emergencies, such as in natural disasters.

### Upcoming Holidays

**December 24— Christmas Day (observed)**  
**December 31 —New Year’s Day (observed)**

### Embassy Contact Information

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**Stay Safe.** We believe that a well-informed traveler is a safer traveler. Our consular officers around the world compile country-specific information, travel alerts, travel warnings, fact sheets and warden messages to provide you with timely and accurate travel information about every country where you may travel.

Stay informed by connecting with us via our [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) so you can have safe and enjoyable travels!

### Travel Warnings and Alerts

[Congo, Democratic Republic of the](#) 11/25/2010

[Colombia](#) 11/10/2010

[Iraq](#) 11/05/2010

[Burundi](#) 11/04/2010

[Philippines](#) 11/02/2010

[Indonesia](#) 11/10/2010

[Europe - Terrorism](#) 10/03/2010

For additional information about these travel warnings and alerts, please go to this site:

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_1764.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html)

### WONDERING IF THE FLIGHT IS ON TIME?

This website has virtually every flight in the world and is updated regularly. It has been used for MIAT and Korean Air flights and it has been accurate every time.

<http://www.flightstats.com/>

